

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	Allen J. Brenneman		
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Title	:	OPTICAL REAGENT FORMAT FOR SMALL SAMPLE VOLUMES		
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Examiner	:	Neil N. Turk		
Docket No.	:	MSE-2650		

**RCE & AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL  
OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 18, 2009**

Mail Stop RCE – via EFS  
Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Commissioner:

Applicant submits this RCE and Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 18, 2009. The shortened statutory time period to respond is three months from that date or August 18, 2009, and this response is being filed within that time. Thus, this response is timely. In response to the Final Office Action, please enter the following into the record:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.